

WOODMEN CELEBRATE.

Thirty-Six New Members Initiated—Banquet Served by Royal Neighbors.

From The Press.

The local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America has been enjoying a boom of late, fifty-four applications for membership having been made in the past three weeks. Deputy Grand Counselor Thomas, of Grand Rapids, who has been working in the interests of this benevolent organization in Owosso of late, is largely responsible for the new life that is being instilled into the local camp by way of membership, made up of some of Owosso's best citizens.

The fraternity of Modern Woodmen of America was founded in 1883, and owing to the many attractive features of its plan of insurance it has enjoyed a steady growth until today there are in the United States 5183 camps, with a total membership of 244,403. The total benefits disbursed since its organization has reached the enormous sum of \$5,119,135, and during last year alone \$1,104,500 was paid to the widows and orphans of deceased members.

The Woodmen plan of insurance differs from the other fraternal insurance societies inasmuch as they restrict their field of operation to the country and smaller cities, and those engaged in hazardous employment are strictly barred, a fact that reduces the death rate to a minimum.

The local camp made extensive arrangements for the reception of the many applicants for membership who were to be initiated last evening. Many representatives from St. Johns camp were present and the Lansing camp was invited to do the work.

Thirty-six of the fifty-four applicants appeared for initiation promptly at 8 o'clock last evening, and were taken in hand by the Lansing team, who kept them interested until near midnight, when the doors of the lodge room were unbarred and seats made vacant for nearly one hundred Royal Neighbors, who were in waiting in the reception and banquet rooms.

The meeting was turned over at this point to the ladies, who furnished an excellent musical and literary program.

Mrs. Milo Bett in a few appropriate remarks extended a hearty welcome to the visiting Woodmen and also to those who had just gained possession of the secrets of the order. The O'Dell sisters, two very bright and entertaining little ladies, favored the audience with a song, and each responded to an encore with a recitation.

Little Alta Dennison followed with a recitation that was heartily applauded as was also Miss Edith Kousch, who was the youngest of the entertainers. Mrs. Miles Crawford read a very appropriate selection that told of the happy termination of the courtship of a widower and a widow who had received benefits from the Woodmen and the Royal Arcanum.

The Lansing team in full Woodmen uniform then entered the room and gave a fine exhibition of their proficiency in drill, and in response to the hearty applause accorded them, they brought out the Woodmen goat, placed a candidate thereon and gave a public exhibition of how it was done, a scene that was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Owing to the fact that the crowd was much too large for the accommodations afforded in the banquet hall, it was thought best to do the toasting on empty stomachs, and accordingly Dr. A. Moses Hume was called to the chair to act as toastmaster. The doctor opened his remarks with a glowing tribute to the Royal Neighbors and was showering compliments on the ladies in his usual reckless manner when he chanced to spy Mrs. Hume who had entered unobserved and taken a seat in the back part of the room. Immediately the toastmaster changed his tactics, became visibly confused, and after referring to himself several times as a retired farmer he called W. E. Bullard out of the crowd to respond to the toast, "Seasoned timber."

Mr. Bullard responded in that happy manner which indicated that he was quite as much at home speech making as when he is holding the "slack" in the back of a coat while he calls the attention of his customer to the perfect (?) fit in front. He told of how the local camp was organized some nine years ago, and what a struggle had made for existence. Time was when they had no lodge room of their own, but met in some store or the office of a Woodman, and from the lack of a candidate to initiate they were obliged to listen to Hume's stories as their only amusement. They were never disheartened, however, and now had the supreme satisfaction of seeing the camp in a flourishing condition.

There was a merry twinkle in the toastmaster's eye when he arose to tell how when a boy on the farm he assisted in building a lye hach and when it was completed how they filled it with the ashes of green wood in order to obtain the very best lye with which to manufacture a good quality of soft soap. They had some green timber present, a stick of which was represented in the person of Frank F. Bumps, who had just been initiated, and he would call upon him to answer to that sentiment. Neighbor Bumps allowed that green wood might possibly make good ashes but it was not calculated to hurry supper with. However, the seasoned timber did not possess all the beauty and attractiveness and it was oftentimes faulty. Who had not seen and admired the sturdy oak, the monarch

of the forest, as it rears its mighty trunk heavenward, to be crowned with huge limbs and branches covered with a dense foliage, and as you stood and gazed in wonder and admiration how disappointed you were to discover that it was dead at the top.

As the green sapling bowed to the mighty oak bereft of its top foliage, so he bowed homage to the venerable neighbor Hume. Mr. Bumps kept the audience in good humor for several minutes, and in closing assured them that he was glad that he was one of them and sincerely hoped that he might always be considered by them as being worthy of all the term neighbor implies.

It was time for the toastmaster to become sentimental again, and after quoting a pretty little chestnut which he used years ago before he was married, relative to the manner in which the vine clung to the sturdy oak, he called upon Editor Geo. T. Campbell to toast the "woodbine."

"Twas a happy selection since Neighbor Campbell was seated where he could get a good view of the banquet tables laden with a supply of good things provided by the ladies, and it was no wonder that the speaker was profuse in his compliments. He even went so far as to say that were it not for his extreme modesty he would be inclined to embrace every "vine" present.

After a few remarks by visiting neighbors Plummer and Reynolds, of Ionia, the meeting adjourned to the banquet hall where nearly three hundred guests were served with a spread such as only the Royal Neighbors can serve. The dining room and tables were handsomely decorated with flowers and vines for the occasion, and the menu was so elaborate that the hour of 3 o'clock had arrived before the last good night was said.

The local camp is in a flourishing condition with 135 members and new applications constantly coming in.

The following are the officers of the Owosso camp:

Venerable Counselor—John Flemming.
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Miss Edith Jordan, of Brent, visited relatives here last week—Clark Shipman spent Saturday with friends at Ann Arbor—A. Reed is now postmaster at Judd's Corners—The funeral of Mrs. J. Muddock was held at the church last Sunday—H. D. Stoddard, of Grand Ledge, spent the first of last week with his family here—North Davis and George Ball, of Flushing, were in town Monday—Mrs. L. H. Barrett is quite sick and has been for some time.

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Byron.

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Parrish and son Earl were at Owosso, Thursday—Mrs. Della Steele, of near Toledo, O., is in Byron at present—Mrs. W. A. Royce is on the sick list—Memorial services were held at the opera house on Saturday. Rev. Riley Crawford delivered the address—Mrs. T. P. Green went to Wayne last week—Mrs. Dr. Steele, of Flushing, is visiting in Byron—George N. Goff and family, of Vernon, and Mr. Cobb and family, of Elsie, at Mrs. George Goff's, Sunday—Harvey Burlingame is engaged with Wetmore & Draper in the upholstery business—Mrs. A. Orr suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, Sunday, affecting her speech somewhat—About forty Byron people attended the unveiling of the soldiers' monument at Owosso, Monday—Mrs. George Burlingame, of Flint, is visiting in Byron this week—Mrs. Kelin, of Owosso, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Williams—Mrs. Rhoda Sherman has suffered a stroke of paralysis—Charles Gurden, of Fowlerville, was at B. S. Foster's, Tuesday and Wednesday—Mrs. J. D. Royce, of Cornum, Mrs. Wm. Dibble, of Shepherd, and Miss Mabel Foster, were in Byron on Wednesday and Thursday—like Lusk, while visiting at St. Johns, was riding with his sister and brother-in-law and some others when the horses ran away and threw them all out, breaking an arm of two of the party. Ike was picked up in an unconscious condition, but is now all right except some loose teeth and otherwise a little sore—Bert McKinney's babe died Wednesday—John Davison's sister Marie, of Drayton Plains, who has been visiting here, has returned to her home—Mrs. Williams' trimmer, Miss Jessie Fulkerson, has returned to Owosso.

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Probate Court.

Guardians appointed in the following matters: Martha A. Pound of Eleanor M. and George C. Pond, minors. Thos. M. Wiley of Mary B. and Fred C. Lewis, minors. Cassius Grow of Edwin Grow a minor.

Final account rendered by Richard F. Kay, administrator of estate of John L. Tyler, deceased.

Sarah M. Nichols, administratrix of estate of Lemuel L. Nichols, deceased, rendered final account and was discharged. Chauncey B. Hoard, guardian of Mabel G. and Edna B. Hoard, minors, required to file additional bond as said guardian.

Additional bond required of Nelson E. McKenzie, guardian of Wm. H. Johns, an incompetent person, said Wm. H. Johns having been granted a pension.

An order having been made by the court reviving commission on claims in the estate of Wilhelmina Wildermuth, deceased. Fred Edwards and Frederick H. Gould, said commissioners, filed their report, which showed that the claim presented by Percy L. Edwards against said estate, was disallowed.

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Probate Register.

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Real Estate Transfers.

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Bancroft—M. E. Howard to L. K. Phillips, lot 3 blk 3, Phillips' 3d add, \$100.
Durand—P. A. Gould and wife to J. Howe and wife, lot 1 blk 4, Dennison's add, \$475.

J. Howe and wife to P. A. Gould, lot 7, blk 2, Dennison's add, \$100.

C. W. Harder and wife to J. & M. Howe, lot 7 blk 2, Dennison's add, \$80.

L. B. DeCamp to D. Thompson, lot 1, blk 6, Fidelity George's add, \$477.

J. C. Brand and wife to M. Shea, n. d. lots 1 and 2, blk 6 Brand's 2d add, \$105.

Owosso—V. Green and wife to M. L. Stewart, lots 13 and 14, and pt lot 12 blk 1, George Thomas' 2d add, \$400.

Hazleton—J. S. Twitchell and wife to E. A. Cronk, e. s. w. sec 34, Hazleton, and s. a. off ne cor e pt nw 1/4 sec 3, Venice, \$3500.

Ovid—M. McNeal and wife to Wm. Hay and wife pt lot 16 blk 1, Mabbett's add, \$200.

Wm. Hay and wife to H. Hampton, pt lot 16, blk 1, Mabbett's add, \$200.

Venice—A. J. Hartline to J. A. St. John ne 1/4 sec 13, \$1437.

Corunna—S. Merrell to M. A. Curley, lot 4 blk 15, \$300.

Owosso—L. M. Babcock to M. L. Stewart, lot on sec 14, \$50.

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